

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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MAXIMUM RETAIL PRICE OF PACKED ITEMS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government are aware that the maximum retail price mentioned on the packed edible items are generally very high as compared to the actual cost of production;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have taken remedial steps in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) : The Standards of Weights and Measures (Packaged Commodities) Rules, 1977 require the declaration of the retail sale price on packages intended for retail sale in the form 'Maximum Retail Price Inclusive of all taxes'. Government does not have information on the cost of production of various commodities contained in such packages.

(b) to (d): Does not arise.